

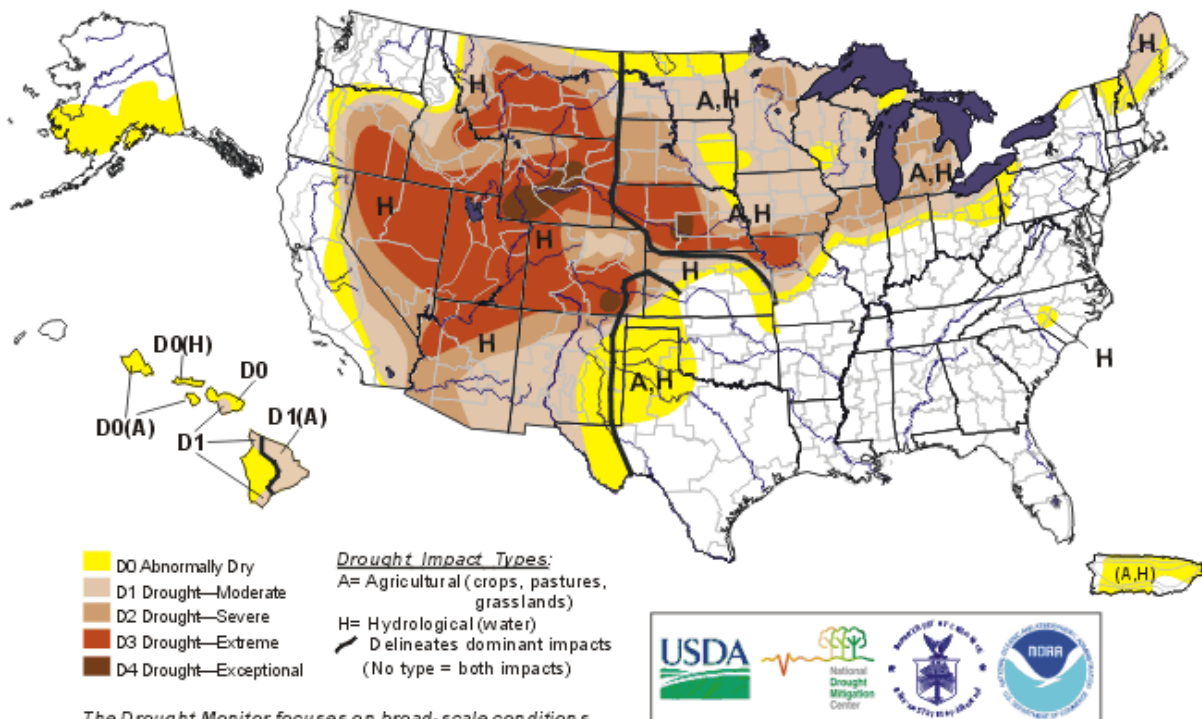
Drought Update April 2, 2003—Ervin Cowley, BLM

Storms in March benefited parts of Idaho, particularly central Idaho, helping rangelands. Soil moisture continues to improve with the late March Storms. Improvements to surface and ground water supplies in southern Idaho will be limited due to the duration and severity of the drought. Water shortages in springs and streams are expected to continue throughout the period. The long term outlook is for above normal temperatures and average precipitation.

Northern Idaho has been removed from the drought conditions and central Idaho reduced to D1 and D0 (moderate drought and abnormally dry).

U.S. Drought Monitor

March 25, 2003
Valid 7 a.m. EST



The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

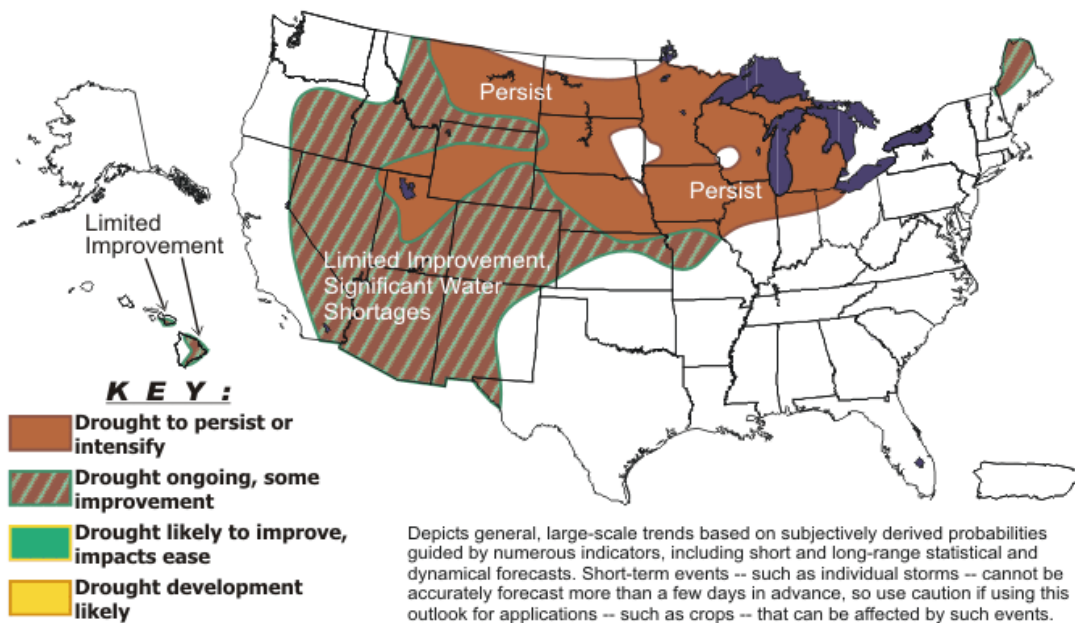
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Depicts general, large-scale trends based on subjectively derived probabilities guided by numerous indicators, including short and long-range statistical and dynamical forecasts. Short-term events -- such as individual storms -- cannot be accurately forecast more than a few days in advance, so use caution if using this outlook for applications -- such as crops -- that can be affected by such events. "Ongoing" drought areas are schematically approximated from the Drought Monitor (D1 to D4). For weekly drought updates, see the latest Drought Monitor map and text.

